

**A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE # 2**

**BY COUNCILMAN CEASAR C. MITCHELL**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT VEHICLES FOR HIRE OPERATORS FROM THE AREAS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA AND ITS AFTERMATH WHO HAVE BEEN RENDERED UNEMPLOYED DUE TO SAID CONDITIONS, FROM THE \$30.00 INITIAL DRIVER'S PERMIT FEE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 162-33 (4) AND THE ONE (1) YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN SECTION 162-77 (4) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a Category 4 storm, wrecked unprecedented damage upon the Gulf Coast region of the United States, including Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has declared the following areas to be disaster areas: thirty-one Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana; fifteen Mississippi counties: Amite, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Stone, Walthall, and Wilkinson; and three Alabama counties: Baldwin, Mobile and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of the catastrophe many vehicles for hire operators have been displaced and rendered unemployed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta has received numerous inquiries from said operators regarding the possibilities of such employment in the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to continue the City of Atlanta's activities with respect to assisting and providing aid to those whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated by the hurricane and its aftermath, the City of Atlanta wishes to waive the one year residency requirements and the initial permit fee requirements for those vehicles for hire operators displaced by the hurricane and its aftermath;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta wishes that said exempted drivers receive sufficiently high score on the examination administered by the Bureau of Vehicles for Hire in order to ensure the safety and well being of the citizens and visitors to the City of Atlanta;

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:**

**Section 1.:** Licensed vehicles for hire operators from the following thirty-one Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana; fifteen Mississippi counties: Amite, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Stone, Walthall, and Wilkinson; and three Alabama counties: Baldwin, Mobile and Washington; which have been declared by the Federal Government to be disaster areas as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, who have been rendered unemployed due to said conditions, are hereby exempted from the \$30.00 initial driver's permit fee imposed pursuant to Section 162-33 (4) and the one (1) year residency requirement set forth in Section 162-77 (4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

**Section 2.:** In order for the exemptions in Section 1 above to be applicable, the above affected vehicles for hire operators shall achieve a score of at least 85 percent on the examination administered by the Bureau pursuant to Section 162-77 (6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

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**Section 3.:** In order for the exemptions in Section 1 above to be applicable, the above affected vehicles for hire operators shall submit payment of \$24.00 to the Bureau for a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) background check. Additionally, said operators shall submit with their application for an initial driver's permit, a certified original copy of his/her driver's motor vehicle record which contains the past seven (7) years driver's history from the state department of motor vehicles in which he/she has ever held a valid driver's license.

**Section 4.:** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

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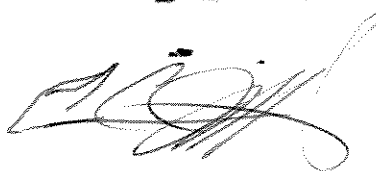
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